

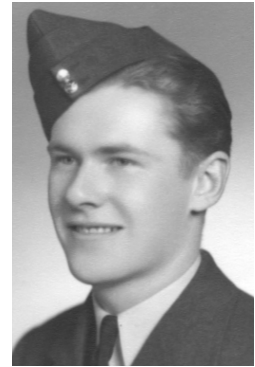


# Saskatchewan Virtual War Memorial

In memory of  
**Pilot Officer**  
**Vernon Beverly Smith**  
who died on 15 Feb 1945

## Service details

<i>Conflict</i>	WWII
<i>Service</i>	RCAF
<i>Unit</i>	No. 424 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force
<i>Rank</i>	Pilot Officer
<i>Service number</i>	J95491
<i>Date of death</i>	19450215
<i>Cause of death</i>	killed in action



## Narrative history

J95491 Pilot Officer (No. 424 Tiger Squadron RCAF air gunner) Vernon Beverly (Babe) Smith (b.1925) of Regina was KIA 19450215 and is commemorated on the Runnymede Memorial near London, England, for airmen from the north European theatre who died with no known grave. Smith's Lancaster failed to return from a night mine laying flight off Pomerania. Babe spent a few weeks working as a labourer for Cominco at Trail, British Columbia, before enlisting at Vancouver in 1943.

Brother of GE Smith. They were the only sons of George Earl, a tinsmith, and Ona Pearl (Hoard) Smith, both Ontarians. Both boys attended Victoria school and Balfour Tech.

## Memorial information

<i>Saskatchewan rural municipality for commemoration</i>	159 - Sherwood
<i>Grave or memorial location</i>	Runnymede Memorial, Egham, Surrey, England (Link to Commonwealth War Graves Commission web page: <a href="http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/109600/RUNNYMEDE%20MEMORIAL">http://www.cwgc.org/find-a-cemetery/cemetery/109600/RUNNYMEDE%20MEMORIAL</a> )
<i>Honour roll location(s)</i>	Regina
<i>Geo-memorial</i>	Smith Bay
<i>Geo-memorial location</i>	55.5166666666667,-104.65
<i>Geo-memorial NTS map reference</i>	73P10

## Personal information

<i>Date of birth</i>	19250714
<i>Place of birth</i>	Regina
<i>Enlisted on</i>	19430604
<i>Place of enlistment</i>	Vancouver, British Columbia
<i>Residence on enlistment</i>	Regina
<i>Occupation</i>	labourer



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### Links to external web pages

[Aircrew Remembered](http://www.aircrewremembered.com/raf1945/3/aldworthfrank.html)

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[Balfour memorial plaque](http://balfour.rbe.sk.ca/archives_memorialplaquenames)

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